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WINTER STORM REPORT-UPDATE

Following is an update regarding the rain and snowstorms that began on Monday, December 15, 2008, and ended on Wednesday, December 17, 2008. In addition to substantial snow accumulation in the mountains and the Antelope Valley, the storms produced total rainfall amounts as follows:

Downtown Los Angeles	2.01 inches
Antelope Valley	0.93 inches
Catalina	2.78 inches
Malibu	3.28 inches
San Fernando Valley	1.26 inches
San Gabriel Mountains	2.76 inches
San Gabriel Valley	1.71 inches
Santa Clarita Area	0.98 inches

Due to continuing freezing nighttime temperatures, the following major and secondary highways remain closed due to ice and snow:

Angeles Forest Hy - Angeles Crest Hy / Sierra Hy
Bouquet Cyn Rd - Vasquez Cyn Rd / Elizabeth Lake Rd
Escondido Cyn Rd - Placerita Cyn Rd / Crown Valley Rd
Glendora Ridge Road
Godde Hill Rd - Elizabeth Lake Rd / Avenue N
Lake Hughes Rd - Ridge Route Rd / Elizabeth Lake Rd
Little Tujunga Rd - Placerita Cyn Rd / Gold Cr Rd
Mt Wilson-Red Box Rd - Video Rd / Angeles Crest Hy
San Francisquito Cyn Rd - Pelton Dr / Elizabeth Lk Rd
Upper Big Tujunga Cyn Rd - Angeles Crest Hy / Angeles Forest Hy

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Our crews continue to work around-the-clock to clear and reopen these roads as soon as possible. A significant hindrance has been the large number of abandoned vehicles that must be towed before snow removal operations can be completed. It is anticipated that the roadways will be reopened by midday tomorrow, with the exception of Angeles Forest Highway, which should be opened prior to the morning commute on Monday, December 22, 2008. Public Works' road closure website <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/rmd/roadclosure/results.cfm> will be continually updated with any new information.

We will begin clearing residential streets as soon as we open the major and secondary highways. The residential streets should be fully cleared by early next week.

There has been very little damage to public works infrastructure. No reports of mud or debris flows were received for the recent Marek, Sesnon, Sayre, and Freeway Complex fire areas. We are also monitoring earth movement at Hume Road in the Santa Monica Mountains, Montellano Avenue in Hacienda Heights, and Plum Canyon Road in the Santa Clarita area.

As previously reported, our facilities designed to conserve water are operating at full capacity. Since Monday, we have saved over 6,800 acre-feet of water. An acre-foot of water serves two families of four for one year.

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